

Forcing local stations to air partisan documentaries just prior to a national presidential election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Airing this documentary is arguably in the public interest, but forcing local affiliates to air it is clearly not.

In particular, airing this program under the guise of "news" to avoid Federal equal-time restrictions clearly violates the intent of such restrictions.

Sinclair's actions highlight the dangers of allowing a few large corporations to dominate the public media. As a concerned citizen, I urge you to either stop Sinclair from forcing its affiliates to air this broadcast, or to force Sinclair to label it properly as political opinion not news, and provide equal time for competing viewpoints.